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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is in response to the office action mailed April 21, 2006.

Reconsideration and further examination of the application is respectfully requested.